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SUMMARY: THE FOLKETING ADOPTED A RESOLUTION APRIL 29
CONDEMNING ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES OF THE TYPOGRAPHERS AT
BERLINGSKE HUS. PRIME MINISTER JORGENSEN, IN A MAY DAY
SPEECH, REPEATED HIS CONDEMNATION OF THE ILLEGAL ACTIVITY
AT THE NEWSPAPER WHILE SPOKESMAN FOR THE PARTIES OF THE
EXTREME LEFT DEPLORED THE FOLKETING INTERFERENCE IN A
LABOR CONFLICT. THE ACTION OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND HIS
PARTY IN THIS MATTER IS STRONG MEDICINE ADMINISTERED BY
THE TRADITIONAL WORKERS PARTY OF DENMARK. END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING THE DEBATE FRIDAY (SEE REFTTEL), AN OVER-
WHELMING MAJORITY OF THE FOLKETING ADOPTED A RESOLUTION
CONDEMNING THE ILLEGAL ACTIVITY OF THE TYPOGRAPHERS
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AND REQUESTED THE GOVERNMENT TO: (A) CONDUCT A POLICE
INVESTIGATION OF THE RECENT ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES AT
BERLINGSKE HUS WITHOUT DELAY; (B) INSURE THAT THE
SUPERVISORS, CHAUFFEURS, JOURNALISTS AND OTHER AT
BERLINGSKE TIDENDE MAY SAFELY CARRY OUT THEIR LAWFUL
WORK BY PROVIDING SUFFICIENT POLICE AT ONCE; AND,
(C) BRING TO AN EFFECTIVE HALT THE PHYSICAL BLOCKADE

AT BERLINGSKE HUS. THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY A VOTE OF 128 TO 16; THE THREE PARTIES OF THE EXTREME LEFT OPPOSED THE RESOLUTION AND 10 MEMBERS OF THE LEFT WING OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS ABSTAINED FOR FEAR, AS THEY EXPLAINED IT, OF WRONG INTERPRETATIONS OF THE RESOLUTION BY THE BOURGEOIS PARTIES TO THE RIGHT OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS.

2. AT MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS YESTERDAY, PRIME MINISTER JORGENSEN REPEATED HIS CONDEMNATION OF THE ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES, WHICH PREVENTED THE PUBLICATION OF THE NEWSPAPER, AND DEPLORED THREATS TO DENMARK'S CITIZENS. HE SAID THAT SUCH ACTIVITIES COULD NOT BE PERMITTED AND AGAIN EXPRESSED HIS HOPE THAT CONTINUING NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN BERLINGSKE'S MANAGEMENT AND THE TYPOGRAPHERS WOULD PERMIT THE PAPER TO BE PUBLISHED NORMALLY AGAIN SOON. SPOKESMEN FOR THE THREE EXTREME LEFT PARTIES (DANISH COMMUNIST PARTY, SOCIALIST PEOPLES' PARTY AND LEFT SOCIALIST PARTY) CASTIGATED THE FOLKETING AT THEIR MAY DAY MEETINGS FOR ADOPTING THE RESOLUTION, WHICH THEY SEE AS UNPRECEDENTED INTERFERENCE IN A LABOR MARKET CONFLICT.

3. EDITORIAL OPINION HAS GENERALLY CHARACTERIZED THE USE OF THREATS BY THE TYPOGRAPHERS AS AN ERROR OF MAJOR SIGNIFICANCE PREJUDICING THE CASE OF THE WORKERS EVEN MORE. AS HAS ALREADY BEEN REPORTED, PUBLIC OPINION IS AGAINST THE TYPOGRAPHERS. THE MANAGEMENT OF BERLINGSKE TIDENDE HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE PAPER'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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4. COMMENT: THE FOLKETING'S CONDEMNATORY RESOLUTION WAS IN STRICT ACCORD WITH THE IDEAS OF THE PRIME MINISTER. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT HIS POSITION HAS RECEIVED THE SUPPORT OF THE MAJORITY OF DANES, WHO DEPLORE THIS KING OF DISORDERLINESS IN THEIR SOCIETY. BUT THE ACTION OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS, LED BY ANKER JORGENSEN, IS STRONG MEDICINE COMING FROM THE WORKERS' PARTY IN THIS COUNTRY AND EVEN MORE SO FROM A PRIME MINISTER WHO WAS HIMSELF FORMERLY THE PRESIDENT OF ONE OF THE COUNTRIES LARGEST UNIONS.
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